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Classified By: POLITICAL MINISTER COUNSELOR JEFF RATHKE.  
REASONS: 1.4 (B) AND (D).

(C) Post reviewed U.S. policy regarding reconciliation with the Taliban and insurgent leaders with MFA Office Director for Afghanistan Affairs Ruediger Koenig November 14, emphasizing that while the U.S. continues to support the possibility of talks, any such talks must be Afghan-led and not cross certain red lines. Koenig agreed with all four conditions enumerated in reftel for individuals or groups interested in reconciling. He also agreed that there could be no quid pro quo awarding of governmental positions or authority in return for reconciling, nor any Musa Qala-like arrangements that would limit the authority of the central government in particular geographic areas or regions.

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